

Rebalancing Workgroup MFP and BIP
August 2016- Updates

Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Updates

I. FFP Time Study Data

- a. The first time study ended June 30th with a total of 2,997 out of 3,000 samples answered.
- b. The statewide Medicaid claimable percent came to 46.01%. We had a call with the MAP sites last week to discuss ways to improve.
- c. Still have 150 staff participating this year. Will review reports and progress thus far in mid-August.

II. Waiver Registry Screen

- a. The State is administering the Level One Screen to all participants on the Waiver Registry, which is approximately ~25,000 individuals.
1,000 letters have been sent to registry participants to encourage them to update their contact information by calling MAP. Applicants will be given 2 weeks to call and update contact information.
- b. MAP sites taking phone calls may offer Level One Screen to a caller at that time.
- c. After updates, Schaefer Center will be contacting participants on the registry to administer the Level One Screen.
- d. The Schaefer Center callers have received training on the Level One Screen and we anticipate calls will begin on Monday, August 8.

Nursing Facility Residents on the Waiver Registry

- a. Registry participants who currently have a nursing facility address have been identified
- b. Letters have also been sent to these individuals and their representative to see if they are interested in receiving options counseling in the nursing facility
- c. If the individual is interested in options counseling in the nursing facility, they have been instructed to contact Ernest Le
- d. If the individuals or their representatives chooses to remain in the nursing facility and do not wish to receive options counseling, they will be removed from the Waiver Registry.

Money Follows the Person (MFP) Updates

III. MFP Updates

- a. Supplemental Budget
 - 1. The Supplemental Budget was approved on June 26, 2016 for the remainder of the program.

- b. Operational Protocol
 - 1. MFP has been tasked with rewriting the Operational Protocol (OP) for the remainder of the demonstration. The OP is due to CMS by September 7, 2016.
 - 2. The OP will be sent to all Stakeholders in sections starting Tuesday, August 2, 2016.
 - 3. Please use track changes when editing/providing suggestions regarding the OP.
 - 4. Make sure to submit your OP edits/suggestions to dhmh.ltcreform@maryland.gov.
- c. Staff Update
 - 1. Amy Logsdon is out of the office on medical leave until further notice. If you have any questions regarding Behavioral Health, please feel free to send your email to Jennifer.Miles@maryland.gov.

IV. Housing Updates

- a. DHMH Activities
 - i. Rebecca Raggio and Maxine Arena are providing updates on Section 811 PRA, MFP Bridge Subsidy, and Weinberg Apartments to supports planning agencies and Housing 101 presentations.
 - 1. Housing 101 was presented during the New Support Planner training at DHMH on 7/12/16.
 - 2. SPAs interested in scheduling presentations on the affordable housing initiatives in Maryland or Housing 101 training can contact Rebecca at rebecca.raggio@maryland.gov or call 410-767-4948 to schedule training.
- b. Maryland Partnership for Affordable Housing (MPAH)
 - i. The Advisory Group (made up of representatives from DHMH, DHCD, MDOD, DDA, BHA, and the CIL network) continues to meet regularly to discuss development and implementation of housing programs such as Weinberg Units, 811 PRA, and MFP Bridge.
 - ii. The Case Management Subcommittee continues to have property-specific monthly calls for case managers assisting Section 811 applicants and tenants. The subcommittee meets quarterly in-person to provide housing program updates and is open to representatives from cross-disability case management agencies
- c. HUD Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration
 - i. Maryland received two funding awards from HUD for Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration to provide project-based rental assistance to people with disabilities who are low-income, Medicaid recipients between the ages of 18 and 61.
 - 1. The first grant was awarded February 2013 to provide rental assistance to 150 units in the Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas. The second grant was awarded March 2014 and will fund another 150 units statewide.

2. The first annual Section 811 Property Manager and Case Manager Meeting was held on 6/15/16. The event was well attended and brought together case managers and property managers to learn more about the program and their respective roles.

3. Identified projects:

- a. Harford County- Riverwoods at Tollgate- 13 units- **Leased**
- b. Anne Arundel County- Berger Square- 8 units – **applicants approved, lease up and move in underway**
- c. Baltimore City- Warwick Apartments- 12 units
- d. Baltimore County-
 - i. Red Run Station- 11 units
 - ii. Preserve at Red Run- 13 units
 - iii. Merritt Station- 11 units
- e. Frederick City
 - i. Sinclair Way- 11 units- Under construction, **referrals anticipated Spring 2017**
 - ii. 520 N. Market St.- 5 units
- f. Montgomery County - Woodfield Commons- 13 units
- g. Prince George's County
 - i. Bladensburg Commons- 15 units- Under construction, **referrals anticipated Spring 2017**
 - ii. Brinkley Hill- 5 units- Under construction, **referrals anticipated Spring 2017**
- h. Talbot County - Galloway Meadows- 4 units
- i. Wicomico County- Homes at Johnson Pond- 4 units

d. Weinberg Apartments

- i. The Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Foundation awarded Maryland a new \$2 million grant to fund additional Weinberg apartments across the state. The grant is expected to create an additional 10 to 15 units of deeply affordable apartments for people with disabilities.

e. **MFP Bridge Subsidy**

- ii. The MFP Bridge Subsidy registry is open and referrals are underway.
- iii. MFP Bridge Subsidy will only be available for MFP-eligible individuals transitioning from nursing facilities or state residential centers, and individuals in the Brain Injury Waiver that are transitioning from an ALU to independent renting.
- iv. MFP Bridge Subsidy will be offered throughout Maryland for MFP eligible individuals ages 18 and up with a maximum household income of \$15,000.

- v. The Bridge Subsidy will be tenant-based, similar to the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. The Bridge Subsidy will provide rental assistance for up to 3 years. Individuals will transition to HCVs after that period with the exception of Montgomery County, which will offer project-based units. The program is projected to assist 87 individuals.
- vi. Applicants selected for the program will locate a unit that suits their needs and has rent within the program guidelines.
- vii. Individuals will pay 30% of their income for rent and utilities.
- viii. The MFP Bridge Subsidy is gradually rolling out to participating jurisdictions:
 1. Currently referring to Carroll County (5 commitments), Prince George's County (5 commitments), DHCD (18 commitments, Western MD and Eastern Shore), Baltimore City (15 commitments), and Harford County (5 commitments)
 2. Referrals beginning August-September for Anne Arundel County (7 commitments), Hagerstown (5 commitments), and St. Mary's County (5 commitments)
 3. Referrals TBA for Easton (5 commitments), Baltimore County (10 commitments), Montgomery (10 project-based units), and Howard County (5 commitments)

f. Other Housing Reminders

- i. Staff need user name and password for Social Serve
- ii. Staff need to update information in Social Serve when contact information changes (applies to both staff and applicant information)
- iii. Rebecca Raggio, MFP Housing Director is going out upon request to SPAs to meet with them. If you would like Rebecca to come out and provide housing information, please contact her at rebecca.raggio@maryland.gov or call 410-767-4948.

*The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 4, 2016** from 12-2 in room L-3*